(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the reasons for such cancellations by the Public Service Commission; and

(*c*) whether the Public Service Commission consulted the Government before the cancellation and if so, what advice was given by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The selection of one candidate for appointment as an Assistant Surgeon was cancelled by the Commission.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) On the advice given by the Government that the candidate was unsuitable for regular appointment as an Assistant Surgeon, the Commission cancelled his provisional selection for the appointment."

Selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

* 1125 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to State—

(*a*) how many were selected as Civil Assistant Surgeons by the Madras Public Service Commission recently; and

(*b*) how many selections out of these were subsequently cancelled and on what grounds?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Three hundred and sixty-three candidates.

" (*b*) The selection of one candidate for the appointment was not approved by Government as he was considered unsuitable for regular appointment. The selection was thereupon cancelled by the Commission."

Selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

* 1126 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some candidates selected by the Service Commission in the recent Assistant Surgeon's selection were rejected by the Government;

(*b*) if so, for what reasons; and

(*c*) how were those vacancies filled up?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The selection of only one candidate for appointment as an Assistant Surgeon was not approved as he was considered unsuitable for regular appointment. The vacancy will be filled up by the appointment of a candidate on temporary basis."

Use of Legislators' Hostel by non-legislators.

* 1127 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the use of the Legislators' Hostel is allowed to anybody other than the Legislators; and

(b) if so, on what conditions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The Legislators' Hostel is used primarily to accommodate Members and also to accommodate guests either of the Government or of the Legislators.

" (b) Non-Legislators will be allowed accommodation in the Hostels only when the Legislature is not in session. They will have to pay rent at Rs. 3 per head per day in the old Hostel and at Rs. 4 per head per day in the New Hostel. Guests of Legislators can be accommodated only with the consent of the other inmates of the room, and after giving intimation to the Warden. No furniture will be specially supplied to guests of the Legislators, nor can they stay in the Hostel after their hosts have vacated the rooms."

Dam for excluding salt water in Hosdrug sub-taluk, Kasaragod.

* 1128 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned (i) the construction of a dam for excluding salt water from entering cultivated fields at Padne village and (ii) Thimiri Reservoir Scheme in Thimiri village in Hosdrug sub-taluk of the South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of land to be benefited by each scheme and the cost estimated?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No. The proposals are under consideration.

" (b) Does not arise."

Punkah-pullers in the Highways department.

* 1129 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many punkah-pullers have been engaged in the State by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways department and what is the total cost incurred by Government on these punkah-pullers in the financial year 1951–52?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" One hundred and fifty-nine punkah pullers were engaged by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways Department during 1951–52 and the expenditure incurred by the Government on their employment was Rs. 40,297–11–0."

Shroffs in Taluk offices.

* 1130 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shroffs working in Taluk offices in the State;